

## Task Force Plan for Waste Reduction – Summarized Priority Concepts

The following summary is a compilation of the priority concepts summarized in a project plan format. This is the “Big Picture” view of the plan to reduce waste in the State of Tennessee. Each point is footnoted to the Work Group Responsible for the priority and which priority it represents. These priorities can be found in the Task Force Summaries located on the Task Force website.

Goal: Tennessee will reduce annually the amount of solid waste going to landfills as noted in the Annual Progress Report and compared to the Solid Waste Origin Report.<sup>1</sup>

Who is Responsible: All public and private entities within Solid Waste Regions, including the governments of municipalities with 3,000 or more population.<sup>2</sup>

### Action Steps:

- ✓ Each county will reduce its volume of waste being disposed into landfills (All landfills Class I & Class III/IV)<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ Municipalities will reduce its volume of waste being disposed into landfills (All landfills Class I & Class III/IV)<sup>4</sup>
- ✓ Private entities within solid waste planning regions will reduce its volume of waste being disposed into landfills (All landfills Class I & Class III/IV).<sup>5</sup>
- ✓ Ban or redirect yard trimmings from going to landfills.<sup>6</sup>
- ✓ Ban E-scrap, metals and corrugated cardboard from landfills.<sup>7</sup>
- ✓ Target business centers to reduce paper and cardboard from going to landfill<sup>8</sup>
- ✓ Require permitted facilities to separate recyclables as part of permit conditions.<sup>9</sup>
- ✓ Require municipalities over 3,000 in population or who have a solid waste system to prepare, implement, and meet the goals of a solid waste plan for waste reduction and give updates through the Annual Progress Reports.<sup>10</sup>
- ✓ All local governments would assist county, regional, and state in identifying non-governmental serviced waste generators in their locality and in encouraging waste reduction at said generators.<sup>11</sup>
- ✓ Survey the private sector to identify waste reduction efforts every five years.<sup>12</sup>
- ✓ Survey the private sector to identify barriers to waste reduction in the private sector every five years.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> WG-1 Priority 1

<sup>2</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>3</sup> WG-1,3 Priority 3, 1

<sup>4</sup> WG-1,3 Priority 4, 1

<sup>5</sup> WG-1,3 Priority 3 &4, 1

<sup>6</sup> WG-1 Priority 5

<sup>7</sup> WG-2 Priority 3

<sup>8</sup> WG-1 Priority 6

<sup>9</sup> WG-2 Priority 2

<sup>10</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>11</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

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- ✓ Class III/IV landfills must pay surcharge for all waste accepted. Tie to Class I Solid Waste Assistance Program portion of surcharge.<sup>14</sup>
- ✓ Implement four tier infrastructure progress goals to move local governments to an integrated solid waste management system.<sup>15</sup>
- ✓ Require Enterprise Fund Accounting on all Solid Waste Management Programs in local government breaking costs down to a cost per household.<sup>16</sup>
- ✓ Properly identify elements for material derived fuel or for fuel production as included in an integrated solid waste management system.<sup>17</sup>

### Other Components

- ✓ Require Class III/IV landfills to report the origin of all waste received and accurate tonnages of waste.<sup>18</sup>
- ✓ Waste taken to Class III/IV landfills that is recycled should be counted as waste reduction.<sup>19</sup>
- ✓ Counties should continue to be responsible for the regional planning boards and for reporting compliance.<sup>20</sup>
- ✓ Create a technical (or technology) committee within each Regional Solid Waste Planning Board to provide helpful information and stimulate dialogue and strategy.<sup>21</sup>
- ✓ Promote utility board cooperation in the sharing of information of occupying and vacancy of local parcels for billing purposes.<sup>22</sup>
- ✓ Increase waste reduction grants for rural counties and municipalities that have limited access to recycling facilities or equipment<sup>23</sup>
- ✓ Matching Pilot Program Grants that ramp down over three years to start new waste reduction programs for public and or public/private partnerships.<sup>24</sup>
- ✓ Matching Large Capital Grants that target infrastructure improvement that rotate through the counties on a 5 to 10 year cycle.<sup>25</sup>
- ✓ Extend Annual Progress Report Deadline by 30 days<sup>26</sup>
- ✓ State should identify successful waste reduction programs and activities that non-compliant local governments could implement and improve their waste reduction efforts.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> WG-4 Priority 1

<sup>15</sup> WG-4 Priority 2

<sup>16</sup> WG-4 Priority 3

<sup>17</sup> WG-4 Priority 7

<sup>18</sup> WG-1 Priority 2

<sup>19</sup> WG-1 Priority 2

<sup>20</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>21</sup> WG-3 Priority 3

<sup>22</sup> WG-4 Priority 4

<sup>23</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>24</sup> WG-4 Priority 5

<sup>25</sup> WG-4 Priority 6

<sup>26</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>27</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

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### Enforcement

- ✓ Failure to complete Annual Progress Reports would subject local governments to penalties established and enforced by TDEC.<sup>28</sup>
- ✓ Failure to meet waste reduction goal would subject local government and private entities to penalties established and enforced by TDEC.<sup>29</sup>
- ✓ Sanctions could include loss of grants, rebates, and possible fines.<sup>30</sup>
- ✓ Positive sanctions should be used when appropriate to encourage the waste reduction efforts.<sup>31</sup>
- ✓ Positive sanctions should include adding bonus points to competitive grant applications from local governments in complying regions.<sup>32</sup>
- ✓ High achiever effort from consistent past performance can pull forward if there is an off year.<sup>33</sup>
- ✓ Positive press praising the efforts of those meeting targets<sup>34</sup>
- ✓ Start “Placard of Success” for mayors with complying local governments.<sup>35</sup>

### Reporting

- ✓ Annual Progress report would be the report used to report progress.<sup>36</sup>
- ✓ Class III/IV landfills will be required to complete an accurate origin report.<sup>37</sup>
- ✓ Grantees of recycling bins will be required to report detailing recycling efforts.<sup>38</sup>
- ✓ Require local governments (counties and municipalities over 3,000 people) to complete Annual Municipal Progress Reports to the local Regional Solid Waste Planning Boards for inclusion in the Annual Progress Report<sup>39</sup>
- ✓ All municipalities with 3,000 and higher populations would be required to develop plans to meet waste reduction goals.<sup>40</sup>

### Metrics and Measurements

- ✓ Recycling Ratio Type Methodology
- ✓ Annual Reduction of waste being disposed of in landfills.<sup>41</sup>
- ✓ 20% reduction of waste stream 5 years after implementation with periodic reviews.<sup>42</sup>
- ✓ Private entities will not be measured but will contribute to the overall waste reduction of the region.<sup>43</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>29</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>30</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>31</sup> WGL Meeting

<sup>32</sup> WGL Meeting

<sup>33</sup> WGL Meeting

<sup>34</sup> WGL Meeting

<sup>35</sup> WGL Meeting

<sup>36</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>37</sup> WG-1 Priority 2

<sup>38</sup> WG-1 Priority 6

<sup>39</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>40</sup> WG-3 Priority 1

<sup>41</sup> WG-1 Priority 1, 3, 4

<sup>42</sup> WG-1 Priority 3, 4

<sup>43</sup> WG-3 Priority 1